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SUBJECT: WEST BANK STATEMENT TO CO-CHAIRMAN OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

QUOTE

THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE

THE HONORABLE CYRUS VANCE, AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, IN

HIS CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE,

THE HONORABLE ANDREI GROMYKO, FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE SOVIET

UNION IN HIS CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE

WE THE SONS OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES WISH TO CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING:

1) ANY SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT WHICH IGNORES

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THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND THE RIGHTS, WISHES AND OPINIONS

OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS A TEMPORARY SOLUTION WHICH

CONTAINS THE SEEDS OF FAILURE FOR THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE

AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ARE THE BASIS AND

CAUSE OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, AND ANY SOLUTION WHICH

BYPASSES THEM IS DEFECTIVE AND NUL.

2) THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE ARE ONE AND INDIVISIBLE NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY. THIS PEOPLE AFFIRMS HERE IN THEIR HOMELAND AND ABROAD IN THE LANDS OF EXILE THAT THEIR SOLE, LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE IS THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF YASSER ARAFAT. ANY EFFORTS TO IGNORE THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WILL NOT FIND A RESPONSE OR BE OF BENEFIT AND THREATEN PEACE, MAKING IT LESS RATHER THAN MORE LIKELY.

3) WE DEMAND THAT WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH ITS ALLY ISRAEL WHICH DEPENDS FOR ITS VERY EXISTENCE ON AMERICAN AID TO FORCE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM ALL OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

4) THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE HAVE FULL RIGHT TO THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT STATE WITH COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY. ANY ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE LINKS BETWEEN THIS STATE AND ANY OTHER ARAB OR NON-ARAB STATE PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE IS A SQUANDERING OF OUR PEOPLE'S RIGHTS. OUR PEOPLE ARE QUALIFIED TO DETERMINE THEIR RELATIONS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR STATE WITH WHOMSOEVER THEY SEE FIT IN COMPLETE FREEDOM AND AT THEIR PLEASURE.

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5) WE DRAW YOUR GOVERNMENTS' ATTENTION TO THE PRACTICES OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES IN THE ARAB OCCUPIED LANDS: SETTLEMENTS ON THE LAND, TORTURE OF PRISONERS, DEPORTATION OF CITIZENS, IMPOSITION OF THE ISRAELI ECONOMIC SYSTEM, VIOLATIONS OF MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN HOLY PLACES, AND PREVENTION OF NATIONALIST INSTITUTIONS FROM CARRYING OUT THEIR MISSION TO RAISE THE LEVEL OUR PEOPLE'S CULTURE AND HEALTH. ALL OF THESE PRACTICES REDUCE THE CHANCES FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

COPY TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

SIGNED AND SEALED:

BASSAM SHAKA', MAYOR OF NABLUS
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KARIM KHALAF, MAYOR OF RAMALLAH
HILMI HANNUN, MAYOR OF TULKARM
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